



IDEAS Z2 Design Facility, San Jose (Credit: David Wakely)

# Introduction to Reach Codes in San José

May 29, 2019

**nbi** new buildings  
institute





# Agenda

---

- Introductions
- Goals and Big Picture
- What is a Reach Code
- San José Reach Code Development Process
- Discussion/Feedback
- Wrap Up/Next Steps

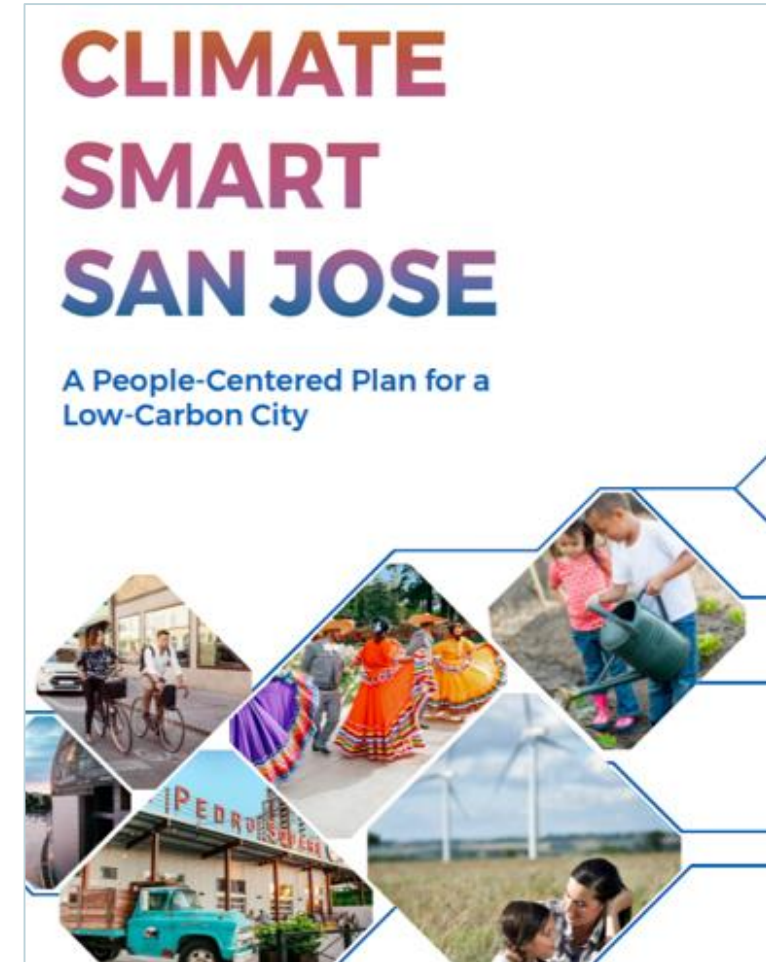






# Why is San José Pursuing a Reach Code?

- Aligns with Climate Smart 2030 goals:
  - All-electric homes: 47%
  - Zero net carbon (ZNC) homes: 37,975
  - ZNC commercial buildings: 70M sq. ft.
  - EVs: 61%
  - Solar: 668 MW
- Results in cost-effective, safer, and healthier buildings
- Preempts future retrofitting costs
- Pathway for significant emissions reductions



# San José Context – New Construction Growth

Significant growth expected in building stock in 2020 alone:

- 350 single-family units
- 2400 multi-family units
- 2.4M sq. ft. of commercial/ industrial

\*source: PBCE's Development Activity Highlights and Five Year Forecasts (2020-2024), FY 19-20 projections, prepared in Feb. 2019

# San José Context – Carbon Impact of Growth

| Building Type             | Sq. Ft. | CO2/ Yr. |   | Units/<br>Yr. |   | Years in<br>Service |   | Years in<br>Code<br>Cycle |   | Total CO2                         |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|---|---------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Single- Family            | 2,700   | 2 tons   | X | 350           | X | 50                  | X | 3                         | = | <b>105,000 tons</b>               |
| Multi-Family              | 1,000   | 1 ton    | X | 2400          | X | 50                  | X | 3                         | = | <b>360,000 tons</b>               |
| Commercial/<br>Industrial | 100,000 | 120 tons | X | 24            | X | 50                  | X | 3                         | = | <b>432,000 tons</b>               |
|                           |         |          |   |               |   |                     |   |                           |   | <b>1.7 trillion car<br/>miles</b> |

Courtesy TRC, PSE & SVCE

# San José Context - Buildings

- Building design today impacts emissions and costs tomorrow
- San Jose is already one of the highest cost housing markets
- All-electric buildings are already being built in the Bay Area at cost-competitive levels
- A reach code would align with San José's goals around health, safety, cost-effectiveness, and GHG emissions reduction.



*All electric multi-family building, Mountain View CA*



*All electric multi-family building serving low-income community, Sunnyvale CA*

# San José Context - Solar

- San José is 3rd in the nation in per capita solar PV installed
- San Jose 2018 installed: 168 MW
- San Jose 2030 goal: 668 MW
- Reach code for commercial new construction would align solar infrastructure with San José's goals, high rate of adoption, and reduces future retrofit costs.





# EV Charging Infrastructure – Cost of New vs. Retrofit



*"Driving Plug-In Electric Vehicle Adoption with Green Building Codes" by Energy Solutions, PG&E, ARB.  
(Graphic courtesy TRC, PSE & SVCE)*

# San José Context - Electric Vehicles

- San José has the highest share of EV sales in the U.S: over 13,000
- San José only at about 25% of charging infrastructure needs projected for 2025
- A reach code would align with San José's EV infrastructure goals





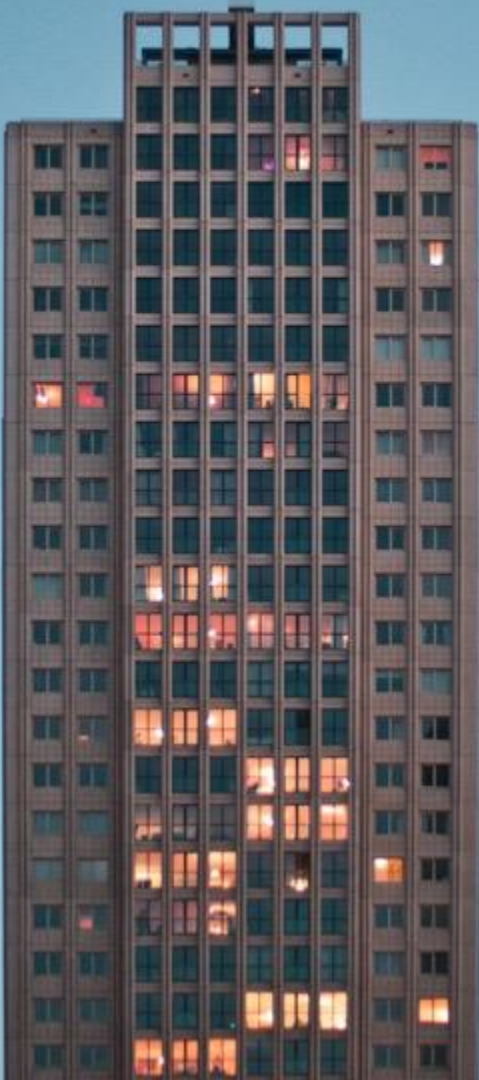
# What is a Reach Code?



# Minimum Base Codes

Set minimum levels of efficiency  
for building design and  
construction

# Minimum Base Codes



# What is in Title 24 - 2019

## Residential

- PV sized to cover all non-HVAC equipment (prescriptive path)
- Solar readiness for all homes without PV
- Pre-wiring of all homes for future electric heat water heater
- Require EV Capable





# What is in Title 24 - 2019



## TITLE 24

### Commercial

- Solar readiness for low-rise, non-healthcare buildings
- Require that a portion of total parking spaces be EV Capable

# What is a Reach Code?

- Overlays the base code
- Includes additional requirements, such as:
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Water Efficiency
  - Renewable Energy
  - EV Charging
  - Electrification

# BEYOND

TITLE

24

# CAL Green





# Reach Code Adoption Process

- City Explores Reach Codes
- Evaluate Reach Code Options
- Engage Stakeholders
- Develop Reach Code Ordinance
- Submit Documentation (including Cost Effectiveness studies) to California Energy Commission
- Approve Reach Code through Local Commissions/Councils

| City                   |        | Measures                        |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Alameda County         | 2018   | Solar PV                        |
| City of Brisbane       | 2017   | Cool Roof, Solar PV             |
| City of Chula Vista    | 2018   | Outdoor Lighting                |
| City of Del Mar        | 2018   | Energy Efficiency               |
| City of Davis          | 2017   | Energy Efficiency, Solar PV     |
| City of Fremont        | 2017   | Lighting, Solar PV              |
| City of Healdsburg     | 2017   | Energy Efficiency               |
| City of Lancaster      | 2018   | Solar PV                        |
| Marin County           | 2017/8 | Energy Efficiency               |
| Mill Valley            | 2017   | Energy Efficiency               |
| City of Novato         | 2017   | Energy Efficiency               |
| City of Palo Alto      | 2016   | Energy Efficiency, Solar PV, EV |
| Town of Portola Valley | 2017   | Energy Efficiency               |
| City of San Francisco  | 2016   | Solar PV or Solar Thermal       |
| City of San Mateo      | 2016   | Cool Roofs, Solar               |



Courtesy TRC, PSE & SVCE



# Reach Code Regional Effort





# Reach Code Format Ideas

Solar  
options for  
commercial  
only

EVCI  
options for  
different  
sectors


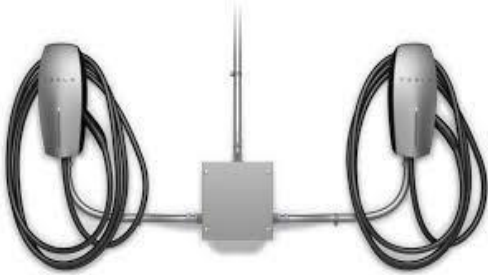

Require all-  
electric

Increased  
efficiency  
for mixed  
fuel and  
code for all  
electric

CALGreen  
Tier 1 for  
residential  
mixed fuel  
and code  
for electric

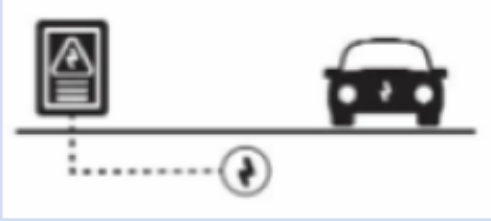
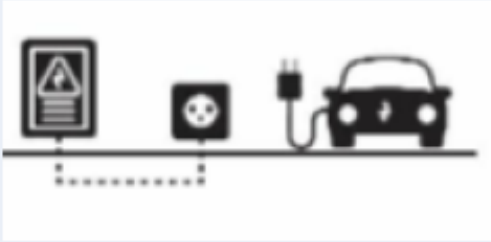

CALGreen  
Tier 2 for  
commercial  
mixed fuel  
and code for  
all electric +  
one cost  
effective  
option

# Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI)

|                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| Level 1        |   | 15-20 Amp, 120v AC (standard household outlet)<br>Driving Distance provided: 3-4 miles/hour |
| Level 2        |   | 40+ Amp, 208/240v AC<br>Driving Distance provided: 25-30 miles/hour                         |
| DC Fast Charge |  | 80-400 Amp, 200-600v DC<br>Driving Distance provided: 125-1000 miles/hour                   |

Courtesy TRC, PSE & SVCE

# EVCI Definitions

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| EV Capable<br><i>(Some assembly required)</i>                    |  | Raceway (conduit), electrical capacity (breaker space)  |
| EV Ready<br><i>(Plug &amp; Play)</i>                             |  | Raceway (conduit), electrical service capacity, overcurrent protection devices, wire and outlet (i.e. full circuit) |
| EV Supply Equipment (EVSE) Installed<br><i>(Level 2 Charge!)</i> |  | All the equipment needed to deliver electrical energy from an electricity source to the EV                          |

Courtesy TRC, PSE & SVCE

# Reach Code Format Ideas

Solar  
options for  
commercial  
only

EVCI  
options for  
different  
sectors

Require all-  
electric

Increased  
efficiency  
for mixed  
fuel and  
code for all  
electric

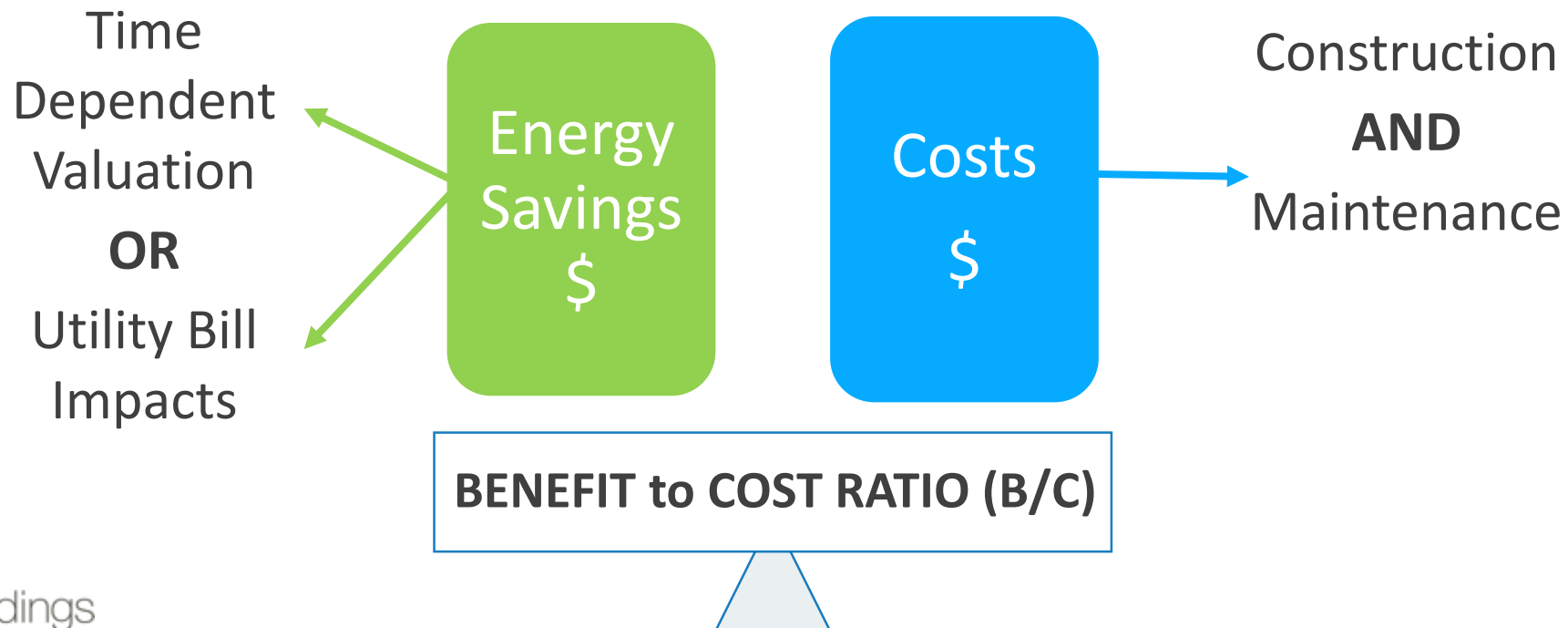
CalGreen  
Tier 1 for  
residential  
mixed fuel  
and code  
for electric

CalGreen  
Tier 2 for  
commercial  
mixed fuel  
and code for  
all electric +  
one cost  
effective  
option



# Determining Cost Effectiveness

- Energy savings determined through building simulations
- Costs derived from local experts and online resources
- 30-year or 15-year net present value



# CAL Green

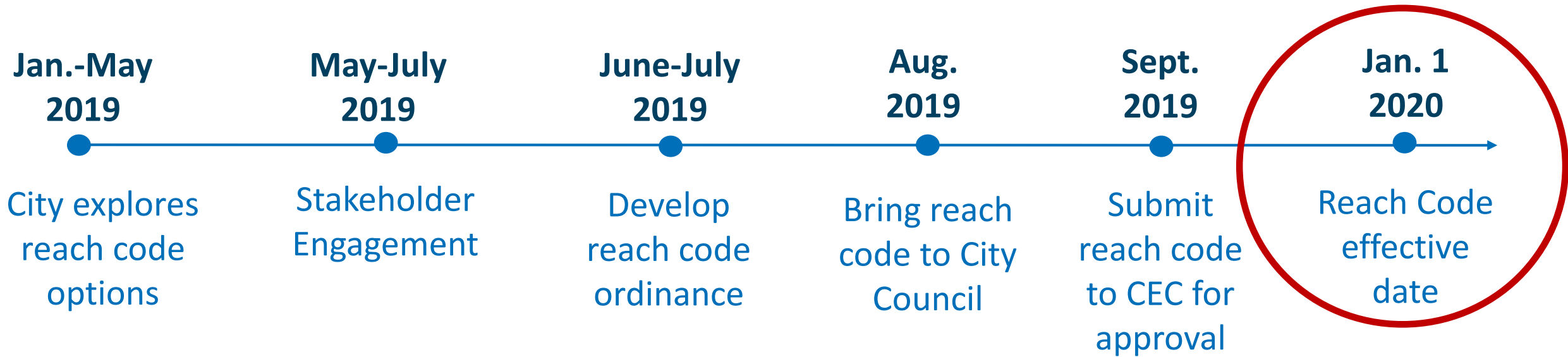
## Residential

- Tier 1: EDR of 15
- Tier 2: EDR of 6

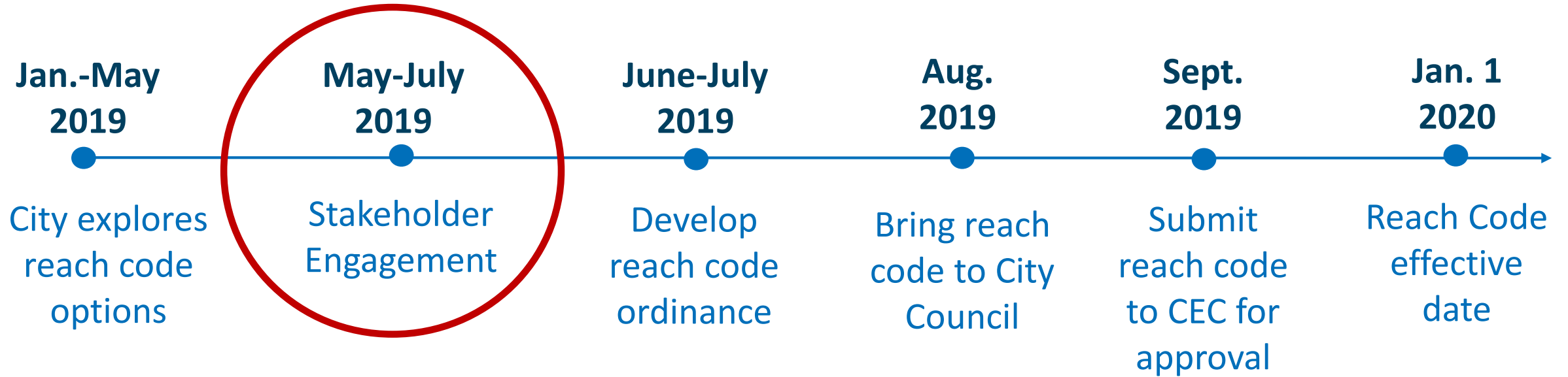
## Commercial

- Tier 1: 90% of T24
- Tier 2: 85% of T24

# San José Reach Code Development Process & Timeline



# San José Reach Code Development Process & Timeline







# San José Reach Code Stakeholder Meetings

Goal: Solicit input from those that will be impacted by the adoption of a reach code including:

- Designers
- Enforcement
- Developers
- Contractors
- Residents
- Advocates
- Others

# San José Reach Code Stakeholder Meetings



# Discussion and Feedback

- **Objectives:** Further building electrification, EVCI, and solar PV installation for new construction in San José
- **Regional Draft Models:**
  - Fully electric buildings -> meet Title 24
  - Mixed fuel buildings -> % above Title 24 or CALGreen mandatory measures
  - EVCI extended to EV ready or capable, depending on sector

# Starter Questions

- What are your thoughts around San José's development of an electrification, solar, and/or EV infrastructure reach code?
- Do you think that any regional draft models would be appropriate for San Jose?



# Next Steps

## Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings:

- June 4 – Commercial New Construction Focus
- June 25 – Residential New Construction Focus
- July 10 – Final Reach Code Input

## **Contact Information:**

- [energy@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:energy@sanjoseca.gov)
- City Reach Code Webpage: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=6357>